

116TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 6115

To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish performance measures regarding the Credentialing Opportunities On-Line programs of the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 5, 2020

Mr. Latta (for himself, Mr. Chabot, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Weber of Texas, Mr. Amodei, Mr. Stivers, Mr. Rodney Davis of Illinois, and Mr. Reed) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Preparing Servicemem-
- 5 bers for Success Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 7 Congress finds the following:

- 1 (1) In October, 2016, the Comptroller General
 2 of the United States released a report detailing ef3 forts of the Department of Defense to establish pro4 grams to assist members of the Armed Forces in ob5 taining information on professional credentials re6 lated to their military occupational specialties so the
 7 members may find employment after separating
 8 from the Armed Forces.
 - (2) In such report, the Comptroller General found that the Department of Defense failed to develop performance measures to gauge the effectiveness of such programs.
 - (3) The Secretary of Defense did not concur with the recommendation of the Comptroller General to develop and implement performance measures for the programs.
 - (4) Since the release of such report, the Secretary has sought to improve opportunities for members of the Armed Forces to obtain professional credentials by establishing performance goals, such as the integration of relevant policy of the Department of Defense into the career investment portfolio concept, and the implementation and integration of certain programs into the Service Member Outcomes Portal.

1	(5) Due to the lack of performance measures,
2	entities interested in the success of members of the
3	Armed Forces who separate from the Armed Forces,
4	including veteran service organizations, potential em-
5	ployers, education officials, and Members of Con-
6	gress, are unable to accurately gauge the success of
7	the Credentialing Opportunities On-Line programs
8	(hereinafter, "COOL programs") of each Armed
9	Force.
10	SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF PERFORMANCE MEASURES
11	FOR THE CREDENTIALING OPPORTUNITIES
12	ON-LINE PROGRAMS OF THE ARMED FORCES.
13	(a) In General.—Not later than 180 days after the
14	date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
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1	(2) The percentage of members of the Armed
2	Force concerned described in paragraph (1) who
3	have completed a professional credential program de-
4	scribed in that paragraph.
5	(3) The percentage of members of the Armed

- (3) The percentage of members of the Armed Force concerned described in paragraphs (1) and (2) who are employed not later than one year after separation or release from the Armed Forces.
- 9 (b) COORDINATION.—To carry out this section, the 10 Secretary of Defense may coordinate with the Secretaries 11 of Veterans Affairs and Labor.

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